

## Strange and wonderful News from Rome.

*Giving an Account of an Old Man lately and strangely known to be in the City of Rome in Italy, and how he came thither, together with his eleven strange and wonderful Prophecies, which particularly mention what shall happen yearly from this present 1693 till the year 1703 be ended. Shewing also how he breaks Iron-chains in pieces, as if it were burnt thred, with many more Strange wonders, he like never heard of before, as naming the year when there shall be no Pope in Rome, and when Rome shall have no Head, and many such wonderful things.*

WE have of late years been sensible of many strange things, and much admired wonders; but now you may prepare your ears to hear the most amazing miracles that ever *England* was made sensible of, or I think that ever the world was acquainted with; and tho it may appear to the incredulous to be untrue, yet it hath been asserted by many persons to be real and unfeigned. But to proceed to the matter intended, and not to derogate from my designed business; let this inform the most doubtful Reader, that there is of late an account sent from *Italy*, of the strange manner of this man's coming into the City of *Rome*, eminently known by many Travellers of the Cities of *Italy*. This person is of so great an age (as he says) that he is no less to be admired for that, than for his strange and wonderful Prophecies, which he daily imparts to the World; and also the manner of his coming into the City, which was invisible, as we are inform'd. But to come to particulars, this person doth affirm that he is above a thousand years old, and he doth pretend to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ; and he says that he hath the spirit of truth in him. His manner of Apparel is no less to be admired than the manner of his Discourse; for we are informed that he weareth such Habit as was never seen before: His deportment is also very strange, for he walketh up and down the City of *Rome* Preaching, and admonishing to serious Repentance, and giving admirable advice to the people to forsake their sins, and turn from their evil ways; and he says the *Wrath of God is kindled against the Romans*; and also adds, that the City of *Rome* is a second *Sodom*, and that the transgressions of the people hath ascended to Heaven, and approached the ears of the Almighty, and that nothing can preserve them from approaching miseries but speedy Repentance, without which he doth assert, that in three years the City of *Rome* shall be utterly destroyed, and consumed with fire: but nevertheless we are informed, that this man had continued for the space of eight days Preaching about the City, and his custom is to go bare-headed, and bare-footed, strange to behold; so the Magistrates being offended at his Doctrine, forbid him to Preach, but he takes no more notice thereof, than to return this answer, that he was sent from God, to move the people to Repentance, and to aban-

abandon their Iniquities, which would (if not deserted) pull down vengeance upon them in a short time. Now after this, Order was given for his confinement, he was frequently visited by several Justices, who discoursed with him in several Tongues, namely, the *Latin, Hebrew, and Caldean*, wherein he was very perfect. He also acknowledgeth, that he knew well such as love the Gospel. His diet, and greatest delicates, is nothing but bread and water: He prophesies of many strange things, and the time when all wickedness in the world should have an end, and every one shall serve the Lord; then Nation shall no more rise against Nation, nor Kingdom against Kingdom, and all the world shall be at Peace. And being asked how long it would be before this blessed day will come; his reply was absolutely, that about the year 1699 would be the end of all wickedness in the world, and all Nations shall live in the fear of the Lord, and all the world shall be in Peace. His strange and unknown coming into the City was admired, till at last he was examined by the Magistrate, from whence he came, he answered, from a place called *Gala-daim* in *Damas*, a City of *Gilgal*, and says he is the Messenger of the Almighty, sent to Preach Repentance to the sinful world. But the Jesuits being extremely displeased with his Doctrine and Discourse, perswaded the Magistrates to have him brought before the Pope, to be examined before his Holiness; but he makes but little account of what he is to be tryed in, and says he knows what will be his portion, and what shall become of him, and look'd upon it altogether unnecessary to load him with chains. He desired to see the Pope, and without any difficulty went to him, and spake boldly against all Transgressors, and said what should happen yearly, and that the godly should flourish, which is particularly set forth in these Prophecies here following, as it is found written and printed, and they are these:

First, you shall see great changes in the year 1693, which will be strange to know, and to hear of.

And in the year 1694. shall be wars all over the world.

And in the year 1695. *Rome* shall begin to fall, and *England* shall begin to thrive.

And in the year 1696. there shall be no Pope in *Rome*, and *Rome* shall have no Head at all.

And in the year 1697. the Turk shall turn to be a Christian.

And in the year 1698. the Gospel shall be Preached throughout all the World. And in the year 1699. a great Man shall Rise and Rule.

And in the year 1700. all the world shall be in Peace.

And in the year 1701. Jesus Christ shall be made known to all mankind.

In the year 1702 a great *Earthquake* shall happen, the like never known.

And in the year 1703. the Jews & Gentiles shall be called, and come in.